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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place this national entry application in condition to begin prosecution, please amend the prior PCT application Serial No. PCT/IT99/00173 filed on 16 June 1999 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-22 as shown in the marked-up version attached as Appendix 1 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, by deleting the material enclosed within square brackets and inserting the material which is underlined. A clean version of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled text of the claims is included as Appendix 2 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above preliminary amendment. Claims 1-22 have been amended to remove multiple dependency language, and to clarify the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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